Resolution No. 244 August 11, 2005

Directing The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) To Adopt Prevailing Wage And Local Labor Provisions As Requirements For Securing IDA Assistance

Legislators Rodriguez, Donaldson, Dart, Kraft, Lomita, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Zimet and Stock and Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Busick, Cummings, DePew, Every, Feldmann, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Hathaway, Hyatt, Loughran, Maloney, McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, Roberti, Shapiro, Stoeckeler and Tipp and offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to ensuring diverse local job creation in our County, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature created the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) in 1976 to 'promote, encourage, attract and develop job and business opportunities and economically sound commerce and industry in cities, towns and villages of Ulster County", and

WHEREAS, the assistance provided by the UCIDA is a substantial benefit to companies who qualify for this assistance, and

WHEREAS, the assistance provided by the UCIDA does comes at a cost to local taxpayers either directly or indirectly, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Legislature that residents of Ulster County deserve to share in the economic benefits as there is a cost to the taxpayer for UCIDA assistance, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature further believes that local labor should first be sought before securing outside labor for UCIDA assisted projects, and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Industrial Development Agency has adopted similar measures dealing specifically with prevailing wage and local labor that have been found to be legal and proper.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature directs the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency to adopt measures mandating prevailing wage for all construction related labor and to prioritize local labor in this contraction, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency shall also begin to track the wages and benefits that companies supported by the IDA provide their workers,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Dart, DePew, Felicello, Gerentine and Hathaway) (Legislator Hyatt left at 8:12 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: UNKNOWN

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